IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S.ANANDA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO : 11353 of 2004

Between:

Paradise Sports Club, Regn.No.4879/2000, at 1-8-167 to 179, 3rd Floor, Prender Ghost Road, Sec'bad, Rep by its President P.Ramachandra Reddy.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 The Commissioner of Police, Hyd.
2 The Dy.Commissioner of Police, Central Zone, Hyd.
3 The Asst.Commissioner of Police, Saifabad, Hyd.
4 The Station House Officer, P.S-Ramgopalapet, Sec'bad.
5 The Addl.Dy.Commissioner of Police, Task Force, Hyd.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue an appropriate writ, order or direction, particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus, declaring the action of the respondents in interfering with the lawful activities of the petitioner as illegal, improper, unjust, violative of the principles of natural justice, while issuing a consequential direction to the respondents and their staff not to interfere with the lawful activities of the writ petitioner, viz. plying chess, carroms, playing-13cards Rummy with Syndicate/Stakes, Conducting library, Gym and other skill games as per it's Bye-Laws

For the Petitioner: MR.B.SIVA PRASAD, Advocate

For the Respondent No.: GP FOR HOME

The Court at the admission stage made the following ORDER:

This writ petition is filed by the petitioner-Club aggrieved by the action of the respondents in interfering with its lawful activities such as playing chess, carroms, playing-13cards Rummy with syndicate/stakes, conducting library, Gym and other skill games.

2. At the time of hearing, it is represented that the matter is covered by a judgment of this Court reported in **TWIN CITIES CINEMA CULTURAL CENTRE Vs. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, ANDHRA PRADESH, HYDERABAD AND OTHERS** (W.A.No.1167 of 2002) and therefore, sought for similar order.

3. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Home.

4. In *Twin Cities Cinema Cultural Centre case, a* Division Bench of this Court passed the following order:

> "……. the police authorities cannot obstruct the writ petitioner-Club from conducting card room where the members and guests of the writ petitioner's cultural center are allowed to play the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (thirteen card game). At the same time, we make it clear that the police is always at liberty to enter the premises and check as to whether the cultural center of the Club is conducting card room where the members and guests of petitioner's cultural center are playing the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (thirteen card game) for the purpose of verification. If they receive any intimation, the police may enter the club and verify the same and proceed further if the members and guests of writ petitioner's cultural center play other than the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (thirteen card game). The police authorities are also at liberty to proceed with the cases, which are already registered. The writ appeal is disposed of accordingly."

5. Following the said order, the writ petition is disposed of in the same terms.

06.07.2004

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To

1 The Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad.
2 The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Central Zone, Hyderabad.
3 The Assistant Commissioner of Police, Saifabad, Hyderabad.
4 The Station House Officer, P.S-Ramgopalpet, Secunderabad.
5 The Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, Task Force, Hyderabad.

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